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High Speed Rail Lines
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of proposed high speed rail lines to be laid by railways in country;

(b) whether the Railways propose to conduct feasibility study of rail lines and if so, the details thereof and the time by which feasibility study report is likely to be prepared; and

(c) whether the Railways also proposes to speed up its efforts to start work on these projects and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a): The implementation of Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail project (at a cost of approximately ? 98,000 crore) with Japanese technical and financial assistance, was approved in December, 2015.

The National High Speed Rail Corporation Limited (NHSRC) has been formed in February, 2016 to implement Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail Corridor Project.

(b): The corridors identified for feasibility studies for high speed rail connectivity to the four major metros and growth centers of the country are: (i) Delhi-Mumbai, (ii) Mumbai-Chennai, (iii) Chennai-Kolkata, (iv) Kolkata-Delhi and both diagonals i.e. (v) Delhi-Chennai and (vi) Mumbai-Kolkata routes. Out of these, three feasibility studies for Delhi-Mumbai, Delhi-Kolkata and Mumbai-Chennai have been awarded in September, 2015 with target for completion within 12 months.

Feasibility studies for Delhi-Nagpur portion of Delhi-Chennai corridor and Mumbai-Nagpur portion of Mumbai-Kolkata corridor are being undertaken under Government to Government cooperation, with China and Spain respectively.

(c): Presently, Government has decided to implement Mumbai-Ahmedabad high speed corridor project. No concrete proposal/decision is possible in the absence of feasibility study reports in respect of other projects.

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